and all necessary and mandatory rig certifications were valid.

(c) Does not arise as the proposal made by ONGC in August, 1994 was only or extension of the existing contract for GA II of M/s Aban Loyd.

(d) M/s Aban Loyd were awarded the contract as they were technically qualified and commercially lowest against the earlier tender of November, 1990. CBI Madras has collected relevant files relating to award of contract by ONGC to M/s. Aban Loyd, for verifications.

(e) The charter hire charges for the rig GA II were as under:—

Operating day rate	Rs. 3,92,500/day
Non-operating day rate	Rs. 3,90,500/day
Moving rate	Rs. 3,92,500/day
Break down rate	Rs. 3,90,500/day
Mobilisation	Nil
Demobilisation	Nil

These rates were subject to exchange rate varition. The total charges paid against the contract for the period 4.6.1992 to 22-9-1994 was Rs. 35,46,79,431/-.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(c) The work is targetted for completion by 1995-96 and is progressing satisfactorily.

Doubling of rail line from Joranda to Talcher, Orissa

1262 SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under its consideration for doubling of the railway line from Joranda to Talcher via Hindor in Orissa;

(b) if so, the fund earmarked therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the doubling work?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (*SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF*) (a) The doubling work on Joranda Road-Talcher line via Hindol Road already in progress.

(b) The work is estimated to cost Rs. 58.59 crores. For the current financial year an allocation of Rs. 9.34 crores has been provided; and

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1263. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि संसद भवन के स्वागत कक्ष के समीप बने रेलवे आरक्षण कार्यालय में तैनात कर्मचारी बड़े पैमाने पर धांधली कर रहे हैं तथा प्रतिदिन एजेंटों के लिये टिकटों का आरक्षण करके धन कमा रहे हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) क्या इस कार्यालय के पर्यवेक्षक तथा कर्मचारी सदैव संसद सदस्यों के निजी सचिवों के साथ दुर्व्यवहार करते हैं तथा संसद सदस्यों के स्थान पर उन के निजी सचिवों के कार्यालय में जाने पर टिकट आरक्षण करने से मना कर दिया जाता है, जबकि कमीशन लेने के आधार पर बड़ी संख्या में एजेंटों की टिकटों का आरक्षण कर दिया जाता है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार को अब तक इस संबंध में कोई शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई है ; और

(ङ) क्या सरकार पर्यवेक्षक तथा अन्य सभी कर्मचारियों के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही करने का एवं उन्हें तत्काल स्थानांतरित करने का विचार रखती है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी0के0 जाफर शरीफ) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) और (घ) इस प्रकार की कोई घटना नोटिस में नहीं आई है ।

(ङ) संसद भवन बुकिंग कार्यालय में तैनात कर्मचारियों को समय-समय पर स्थानांतरित किया जाता है ।

Movement of trucks on Railway tracks

1264. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been studying a proposal to utilise spare time on railway tracks for movement of trucks carrying goods across the country, to help save fuel and reduce foreign debt burden; and

(b) if so, what are the broad features of the proposals and what decisions if any, has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) (a) and (b) A proposal has been received from private party for movement of loaded trucks on flat wagons over the Railway system. The proposal envisages that the party will own its terminals and design and supply its own flats and locomotives for carrying the trucks. Party has been advised to furnish details about the location of terminals, technical details of the flat wagon, originating and destination points etc Decision can be taken after the party furnishes full details.

Public complaints against Railways

1265. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the public complaints against the Railways are mounting on one count or the other;

(b) the number of complaints received by the Railways, from the public and the Member of Parliament in each of the last three years and the ones that appeared in the newspapers; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) (a) to (c) There has been decreasing trend in public complaints from 22823 in 1991-92 to 21080 in 1992-93 and to 20805 in 1993-94. Whenever, complaints are received through M.Ps, general public newspapers etc. these are thoroughly investigated and necessary action is taken to prevent recurrance of the same.

Setting up of locoshed at Azimganj

1266 SHRI JOYANTA RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) under what circumstances Government wound up the locoshed and the Workshop at Azimganj under Howrah Division (Eastern Railway) and whether Government have any scheme to utilised the vast tract of land on which these two were situated; and

(b) if so, whether Government have any scheme to set up any mini Diesel shed at Azimganj to take up the work of repairing of Diesel Engines running on the BAK Loop line as and when required?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) (a) In line with the Railways' policy to phase out steam locomotives steam locoshed at Azimganj was closed in 1986.